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STOCKHOLM FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: OTRA, HU
SUBJECT: VISIT TO HUNGARY BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
BINDER

REFS: BUDAPEST 2955 AND PREVIOUS (NOTAL)

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT (SEPTTEL),
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY ASKED MCAULIFFE WHY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY BINDER IS VISITING BUDAPEST SEPTEMBER 11-SEPTEMBER 13
AND HOW HIS MISSION RELATES TO DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S
VISIT ON THE THREE FOLLOWING DAYS. MCAULIFFE REPLIED THAT HE
HONESTLY DID NOT KNOW PURPOSE OF BINDER'S TRIP. HE ASSUMED
BINDER AND RAMUNDO SEEKING TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND CONTACTS
WITH HUNGARIAN OPPOSITES IN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

2. NAGY SAID HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL SEPTEMBER 9 FROM
HUNGARIAN DEPUTY TRANSPORT MIN FOLDYARI ADVISING THAT
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER WOULD ARRIVE BUDAPEST ON OFFICIAL
VISIT SOME FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER. UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9
FONOFF KNEW NOTHING OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER'S TRAVEL
PLANS. UNTIL FOLDVARI TOLD NAGY, FONOFF HAD NO INKLING
THAT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAD OFFICIALLY PRESENTED
TO GOH DRAFT TEXT OF MINISTER-TO-MINISTER COOPERATION
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AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION MATTERS.

MCAULIFFE SAID HE HAD ALSO BEGUN TO LEARN OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS DURING PAST SEVEN DAYS.

3. AFTER FORMALLY STATING THAT GOH WELCOMES MORE CONTACT BETWEEN AMERICANS AND HUNGARIANS IN FIELD OF TRANSPORT AS IN OTHER SPHERES, NAGY SAID HE HAD TOLD FOLDVARI THAT THERE COULD BE NO MINISTERIAL LEVEL AGREEMENT REGARDING TRANSPORT MATTERS UNTIL WASHINGTON AND BUDAPEST HAD WORKED OUT AT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL AN OVERALL AGREEMENT DEALING WITH CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. MCAULIFFE REMARKED THAT HIS PRESENTATION A FEW MOMENTS EARLIER OF U.S. DRAFT TEXT OF EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MOST TIMELY (BUDAPEST 2956, STATE 201490, STATE 212582). NAGY AGREED AND SAID HE FELT CERTAIN THAT GOH WOULD BE READY OPEN NEGOTIATIONS VERY SHORTLY.

4. ACCORDING DEPFONMIN, FOLDVARI AND TRANSPORT MINISTER RODONYI WILL EXTEND WARM WELCOME TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER BECAUSE HUNGARIANS DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR WEALTH OF DOCUMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL WHICH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS FURNISHED IN RECENT YEARS. THEY HAVE SCHEDULED RELAXING TRIP TO LAKE BALATON ON SEPTEMBER 12 TO AFFORD ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER AND RAMUNDO OPPORTUNITY TO SEE COUNTRYSIDE AND TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THEIR HUNGARIAN COUNTERPARTS IN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE.

5. COMMENT: ABSOLUTELY NONE.
MCAULIFFE

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